Medical Colleges in Kerala

4710. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council has received any request for the recognition of Pariyaram Medical College at Kannur District in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Kerala Government have submitted any complaint against Pariyaram Medical College Management; and

(d) if so, the nature of complaint received and action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Permission of the Central Government was given on the 17th July, 1995 under the provisions of Section 10 (A) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1856 to Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaran, Kannur for setting up a medical college. Recognition of medical qualification is considered after the completion of MBBS course of Ist batch.

(c) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Agreements Signed with Foreign Countries

4711. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the agreements/Memoranda of Understanding signed with various countries during the last six months, country-wise; and

(b) whether the Government propose to restart talks on various issues with the neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka etc?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) As per enclosed statement.

(b) Yes, Sir. Except for Pakistan where there has been a deadlock in talks, with all other neighbouring countries Government have an on-going dialogue on all issues, some of which have been given further impetus through high level visits. Our Prime Minister has in his letter of 8th June, 1996, proposed to Pakistan the resumption of Foreign Secretary level talks. Pakistan's reply is awaited. With Bangladesh, Foreign Secretary level visits were exchanged during last two months. I am visiting Dhaka from September 6–9 for further discussions. Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister visited Delhi from June 19–21, 1996.

STATEMENT

S.NO.	COUNTRY	SALIENT FEATURES
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–	Bhutan	**Agreement on Tala Hydro-electric project:** This agreement for setting up Tala Hydroelectric Project was signed on 5.3.96 at New Delhi. The Tala project is a run-of-the-river project on river Wangchu in Bhutan. The project cost is Rs. 1408 crores (Rs. 1891.18 crores as per December, 1995 estimate) and to generate 1020 MW of power. Government would be providing necessary finance in terms of an outright grant of 60% of the project cost and 40% of the cost as a soft loan. All the surplus power from the project is to be purchased by India at rates to be mutually agreed upon at the time of commissioning of this project. **Agreement on Dungsum Cement Project:** This agreement was signed on 5.3.96 for setting up of Dungsum Cement Plant in Bhutan. The cement plant is a dry process plant with capacity of 0.5 million tonnes a year. This is envisaged as a joint venture between Royal Government of Bhutan and an Indian company to be selected. Government would be providing necessary funds as grant for this project estimated at Rs. 300 crores and another Rs. 100 crores for infrastructure facilities at the Indian side. **Exchange of Letters on Standby Credit:** Standby credit facilities of Rs. 25 crores to Bhutan was extended for another three years w.e.f. 1.4.96 through exchange of letters on 22.3.96. Under this facility India makes available the credit of Rs. 25 crores to Bank of Bhutan. This amount of credit is utilised only for making payments within India on account of cheques, drafts or pay orders drawn by Bank of Bhutan.